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SUBJECT: TOURISM COMMITTEE MEETING, FEB. 14-15

### 1. ELECTION OF OFFICERS

THE COMMITTEE REELECTED ITS BUREAU FOR 1978: CHAIRMAN  
WURZL (AUSTRIA), VICE-CHAIRMEN BYTHELL (CANADA) AND  
DASKALAKIS (GREECE).

### 2. ANNUAL REPORT ON TOURISM POLICY

WHILE SECRETARIAT WAS COMMENDED FOR IMPROVING FORMAT  
AND SUBSTANCE OF THE 1977 REPORT, U.K. DELEGATE QUES-  
TIONED THE COST OF PUBLISHING SUCH LENGTHY REPORTS.  
SECRETARIAT RESPONDED THAT THIS PUBLICATION IS NOT ONLY  
UNIQUE, BUT IS ALSO SOLD AT A PROFIT; THEREFORE A FEW  
FREE COPIES CAN BE SENT TO MEMBER DELEGATIONS. DESPITE  
THIS EXPLANATION, COMMITTEE AGREED THAT REPORT SHOULD BE  
CONDENSED BY EXCLUDING NON-ESSENTIAL CHAPTERS.

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### 3. INTERNATIONAL TOURISM TRENDS IN MEMBER COUNTRIES (DAL/TOU/78.465)

SECRETARIAT PRESENTED DRAFTS BASED ON MEMBER COUNTRY  
REPLIES TO QUESTIONNAIRES AND REQUESTED DELEGATES TO  
ENSURE THAT REPLIES TO QUESTIONNAIRE NO.2 REACH THE  
SECRETARIAT BY APRIL 21, 1978 AT THE LATEST. A FINAL  
DRAFT FOR INCLUSION IN THE ANNUAL REPORT WILL THEN BE

READY IN TIME FOR THE COMMITTEE'S JULY 1978 MEETING.

4. TOURISM AND THE ENVIRONMENT

JUHASZ (ENVIRONMENT DIRECTORATE) PRESENTED A STUDY PREPARED FOR THE ENVIRONMENTAL WORKING GROUP DEALING WITH THIS PROBLEM. THE ENVIRONMENT WORKING GROUP, WHICH MET IN NOVEMBER 1977 WILL MEET TWICE DURING 1978 TO CONSIDER THE IMPACT OF TOURISM ON THE ENVIRONMENT, TRAFFIC FLOWS, AND THE CAPACITY OF TOURISM FACILITIES.

5. STAGGERING OF HOLIDAYS

A REGIONAL WORKING GROUP (AUSTRIA, BELGIUM, GERMANY, THE NETHERLANDS) MEET AT REGULAR INTERVALS IN ORDER TO COORDINATE SUCH MEASURES AS STAGGERING OF SCHOOL HOLIDAYS AND VACATIONS. FRANCE IS PREPARING A NATIONAL REPORT WHICH WILL INCLUDE AN INTERNATIONAL SECTION, AND WOULD APPRECIATE ANSWERS TO A QUESTIONNAIRE (DAF/TOU/78.474) WHICH HAS BEEN CIRCULATED TO MEMBER COUNTRIES.

6. INVESTMENTS IN TOURISM

AS A FOLLOW-UP TO THE 1977 LISBON MEETING, THE TECHNICAL COOPERATION COMMITTEE IS PURSUING WORK ON PUBLIC INVESTMENT DECISION-MAKING IN TOURISM. A FINAL REPORT SHOULD BE COMPLETED THIS YEAR.

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7. PROTECTION AND ASSISTANCE FOR TOURISTS (DAF/TOU/77.

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THREE NOTES ON NATIONAL ACTION TO PROTECT AND ASSIST  
TOURISTS WERE PRESENTED BY MEMBER COUNTRIES. THE  
COMMITTEE ALSO REVIEWED A PROPOSAL REGARDING JOINT  
STUDY BY THE CONSUMER POLICY AND TOURISM COMMITTEES ON  
THE PROTECTION OF TOURIST AS A CONSUMER. THE COMMITTEE  
THOUGHT THE QUESTIONNAIRE PREPARED BY THE SECRETARIAT  
(DAF/TOU/77.463; DAF/CCP/77.73) WAS TOO AMBITIOUS.  
DELEGATIONS THEREFORE AGREED THAT, AS A FIRST STEP, THE  
STUDY SHOULD BE LIMITED TO PACKAGE TOURS AS SUGGESTED  
BY THE CONSUMER POLICY COMMITTEE, AND APPROVED THE  
SECRETARIAT'S PROPOSAL TO ESTABLISH A JOINT WORKING  
GROUP OF THE TWO COMMITTEES WHICH COULD MEET NEXT FALL.  
THE JWP WOULD PREPARE A QUESTIONNAIRE RELATING TO  
PACKAGE TOURS AND EXAMINE THE FEASIBILITY OF OTHER  
POSSIBLE STUDIES REGARDING THE PROTECTION OF TOURISTS  
AS CONSUMERS.

8. TOURISM FOR RETIRED PERSONS  
COMMITTEE EXAMINED VARIOUS NOTES PREPARED BY ELEVEN  
MEMBER COUNTRIES INCLUDING A USTS CONSUMERS' GUIDE  
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ENTITLED "HELPFUL UNITS FOR THE OLDER TRAVELER".  
SECRETARIAT WILL PREPARE A GENERAL REPORT FOR REVIEW  
AT THE NEXT MEETING.

9. NEXT MEETINGS  
AD HOC GROUP ON STAGGERING OF HOLIDAYS, MAY 15, 1978;  
PLENARY, JULY 5-6, 1978.

10. US DEL WAS LED BY STEPHEN WANDNER OF USTS.  
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